

Consumer Product Safety Commission

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and product safety assessments for the Office of Compliance; provides engineering, scientific, and technical expertise to the Commission and Commission staff as requested; and provides engineering technical support to other Commission organizations, activities, and programs as needed. The Directorate develops and evaluates product safety standards, product safety tests and test methods, performance criteria, design specifications, and quality control standards for consumer products, based on engineering and scientific methods. It conducts engineering analysis and testing of the safety of consumer products, and evaluates and participates in the development of mandatory and voluntary standards for consumer products including engineering and human factors analyses in support of standards development and product compliance testing. The Directorate performs or monitors research for consumer products in a broad array of engineering disciplines including chemical, electrical, fire protection, human factors, and mechanical engineering. It conducts and coordinates engineering research, testing, and evaluation activities with other federal agencies, private industry, and consumer interest groups. The Directorate conducts human factors studies and research of consumer product related injuries, including evaluations of labels, signs and symbols, instructions, and other measures intended to address the human component of injury prevention. The Directorate provides technical supervision and direction of engineering activities including tests and analyses conducted in the field.

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§ 1000.31 Directorate for Laboratory Sciences.

The Directorate for Laboratory Sciences, which is managed by the Associate Executive Director for Laboratory Sciences, is responsible for implementing the Commission's engineering and health sciences laboratories programs. The Directorate's functional responsibilities include development and evaluation of product safety standards, and product safety tests and test meth-

ods, based on engineering and other physical sciences, chemical, and biological sciences to support general agency regulatory activities. The Directorate develops and evaluates performance criteria, design specifications and quality control standards for certain consumer products. It provides engineering, scientific, and technical expertise to the Commission, conducts engineering tests and studies of the safety of consumer products, evaluates industry voluntary standards efforts, and participates in the development of product safety standards. It performs and monitors research and conducts studies of the safety of, or improving the safety of, consumer products in engineering, other physical sciences, chemical, and biological sciences. The Directorate is composed of two divisions, the Engineering Laboratory Division and the Health Sciences Laboratory Division. The Directorate provides engineering and scientific services in support of the Commission's enforcement activities. It coordinates engineering research, testing, and evaluation activities with the National Institute of Standards and Technology and other federal agencies, private industry, and consumer interest groups. It provides the Commission's expertise and laboratory support to other laboratories and other chemical and biological testing facilities. It provides chemical and biological laboratory support to all Commission organizations, activities, and programs. The Directorate provides technical supervision and direction of engineering activities including tests and analyses conducted in the field.

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§ 1000.32 Directorate for Administration.

The Directorate for Administration, which is managed by the Associate Executive Director for Administration, is responsible for formulating general administrative policies supporting the Commission in the areas of financial management, procurement, and general administrative support services including property and space management, physical security, printing, and warehousing. The Directorate is responsible for the payment, accounting,